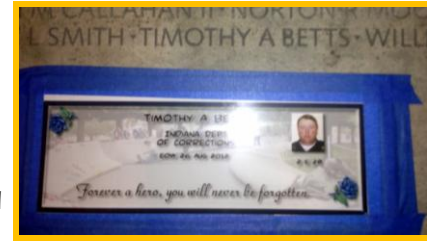


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Weekly Views

Indiana Correctional Officer Timothy Betts was honored during a memorial ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Officer Betts, a 15 year veteran, died in the line of duty on August 26, 2012 at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. Officer Betts name was among the 321 officers who were added to the memorial wall this year. In September, Officer Betts will also be honored with his name inscribed on the Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighters Memorial in Indianapolis. (see photo right)



The Rockville Correctional Facility's ADOPT (Animals Depending On Prison Time) program presented a check to the Parke Vermillion County Humane Shelter for \$448. The money was generated through a fundraiser where offenders donated money in order to receive Vidal Sassoon hair conditioner. The ADOPT program has been up and running for one year and much of the success is due to the wonderful partnership with the shelter and its staff and volunteers!

Officer Donald Gouldsmith of the Plainfield Correctional Facility built a military display to create positive and meaningful recognition and to reflect the sense of professionalism and dedication of staff in the armed forces both past and present. The memorabilia cabinet will display unit patches, unit crests, photos, rank insignia, and any number of small items that are donated. "As proud as I was to have served, I am even prouder to have been given the opportunity by the facility to have this completed for all veterans." (see photo left of Officer Gouldsmith)



Madison Correctional Facility participated in the annual Day of Caring, sponsored by the Jefferson County United Way. This event conducts local service projects for area organizations. Volunteers performed lawn work and exterior maintenance, such as gutter cleaning. Other volunteers were sent to local businesses to paint, and five offenders, with Unit Team Manager Howerton, stained a deck at Life Springs Mental Health.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) has two new Correctional Police Officers (CPOs). Emergency Operations Executive Director Richard Curry presented Keith McDonald and Nick Hatfield with their CPO credentials and badges. McDonald, formally with the Linton Police Department, and Hatfield, former Military and Sullivan Police Officer, have joined the Internal Affairs Division at WVCF and have "hit the ground running" as relentless, seasoned investigators.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner prepared by Aramark for over 60 volunteers from a variety of organizations. The visiting room was decorated with posters that the offenders had made expressing their thanks to the volunteers, and music was provided by the Praise Team. A special plaque was given to Carolyn MacDougall in memory of the 13 years her husband Deacon James MacDougall, who passed away this year, had given to CIF. Certificates of appreciation and excellence coins were given to each group by Superintendent Wendy Knight, who thanked the volunteers for the difference they are making in the lives of the population.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility was filled with the sound of children's laughter as 12 offenders from the facility graduated from the InsideOut Dads program. Over 40 family members attended the graduation, including the children of the graduates, to share the joy and have a little fun with dad. Games such as musical chairs, pool, ping pong, and corn hole were available to allow the fathers to interact with their children outside in the beautiful Chain O' Lake State Park. Pizza, cupcakes, and ice cream were provided for everyone to enjoy.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Students, staff and Central Office personnel and community members were in attendance for the presentation. The presentation included a replica of the Shroud, negative images of the Shroud, artifacts from the period to include a spear head, nail. The presentation was delivered by Dr. Charles Dietzen, MD, the founder of Timmy Global Health.

Offenders in Westville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community are learning the art of expression, literally speaking. Addiction Recovery Specialist Aleycia McCullough, an accomplished artist, teaches the fundamentals of drawing and painting. As an elective in the TC, offenders are encouraged to discover hobbies that replace addictive behavior. The art class is the newest of numerous creative energy classes in the community.

The Indiana State Prison Celebrated Correction Week with many activities. There was a Flag Ceremony for staff in front of the Administration Building, a luncheon for both the educators and medical staff, a 5K Walk/Run at Striebel Pond, and a guess the baby contest. A quarterly assembly was held in the chapel to honor staff with a special presentation from Bill Moulton on Suicide Prevention/Intervention.

The Indianapolis Parole District was well represented by Specialized Parole Agent Denise Jackson who attended a play presented by the Indianapolis Public Library African American History Committee, titled "Re-entry: Doing Time is Easy; It's Living That's Hard." Agent Jackson interacted with those in attendance, answering questions about the experience of the past season of filming and identifying community resources to aid those offenders in need of additional tools to aid in their successful re-entry.

A Pendleton Correctional Facility work crew participated in a community service project at the historic Grove Lawn Cemetery located in Pendleton, IN. A group of six offenders housed at the facility's minimum security Outside Dorm, supervised by Correctional Officer Terry Riggs, trimmed around grave markers.